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pens to fall in any of the outer squares, the master returns him his own dump, and gives him another besides; if it settles in any of the next smaller squares, he then receives two; and if in the third smaller class of squares, he then receives three, exclusive of that which he chucked: but, in either of these cases, if his dump touches any part of the lines which divide one square from another, he forfeits his dump; and if it touches the black square which surrounds the center square, he forfeits two others. If he is so fortunate as to lodge his dump in the center square, he then receives his own and six others; but, if his dump happens ever so little to touch the black square, while the greater half of his dump remains in the center, he not only loses his own, but forfeits three others.

When every one has pitched his dump, the next boy, according to the order before settled, then commences master of the frame, and so on, till every one has performed that office, when the game is finished.

I have been so fortunate at this game, that I have won more dumps than some
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miser have guineas. Our governor is very much pleased with my invention; and tells us, that it ought to remind us how many chances there are against us of obtaining the prizes in human life; and that the dangers which surround the attempt to gain six dumps, are enough to deter any boy from attempting it, who has not a great share of experience and resolution.

CHAP. VI.

Important Considerations on Tops.

IT should at first sight seem, that little could be said on a subject, of which every boy is, in his own imagination, a perfect master; and yet I will venture to assert, that there are very few who know any thing of the matter. I know several of my little pupils will smile at me for so bold an assertion; but, if I do not make it good, then let it be said, that I have bestowed all my labour and study to little purpose.

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